

—Potatoes, .50 to .60; eggs, .42 to .50; butter, .43 to .45.

WEST SIDE

Sol Westerfield, 1409 W. Madison — Potatoes, .49 and .65 a peck; eggs, .37, .41 and .49; butter, .45. Westerfield reported a slight drop.

Paul Zakos & Bros., Stores at 1452, 2048 and 2307 W. Madison — Potatoes, .49; best eggs, .43; best butter, .43. Slight drop.

People's Grocery & Market Co., 1331 W. Madison — Potatoes, .49; eggs, .49; butter, .44.

Standard Grocery & Market, 443 S. Halsted — Best potatoes, .50; eggs, .37 to .43; butter, .42.

P. A. Lee, 5615 W. Madison and 5967 South Blvd. — Butter, .43; eggs, .39; potatoes, .55. Very slight drop in past few days.

SOUTH SIDE

C. H. Morgan, 319 E. 47th. — Best eggs, .58; best butter, .46; potatoes, .55. No reductions in past two days.

Feilchenfeld, 1334 E. 55th — Eggs, .55; butter, .47; potatoes, .60. All of best quality. Reduction of 2 cents registered in butter and eggs yesterday.

The Federal grand jury today called Nelson Lampert, vice pres. of Ft. Dearborn bank, to explain loans to persons believed to have monopolies on foodstuffs. Lampert is connected with the stockyards crowd.

The price of food commodities is expected to be lowered by the embargo on products declared by the Pennsylvania, the Erie, the N. Y. Central, the Nickel Plate and the N. Y., Chicago & St. Louis railroads.

It is uncertain how long the embargoes will be in effect, but the time will be determined by conditions of traffic and terminal facilities. Lack of yard room in the east is given as an excuse.

Police dep't "flying squad" rounds up 150 men who appear to have no occupation except street loafing.

GOVERNMENT HAS EVIDENCE OF FOOD MANIPULATION

Washington, Dec. 8. — The government has "damaging evidence" of a widespread, illegal speculation on the food markets of the country, a high official, intimately connected with the food price probe, declared to the United Press today.

This official expressed the belief that the investigation, so far, tends to show a "gross abuse of the transportation facilities of the country."

It was declared the inquiry, so far, tends to show that "certain interests, able to control to some extent, the movements of large numbers of freight cars, have been acting 'in vicious and illegal collusion' to withhold food supplies from large markets, notably at Chicago."

These charges are considered deeply significant in view of the conference yesterday between Geo. W. Anderson, special assistant to the attorney general in charge of federal food probe and Com'r Meyers and McChord of the interstate commerce commission.

Additional significance is attached to the charge in view of a statement by the American Railways ass'n today that more than 25,000 freight cars are held up at Chicago and Detroit, awaiting unloading.

SAYS CITY MAY BE DARK

Wm. G. Keith, gas and electric light commissioner, says city may be dark tonight and fire and police signal system out of business if finance committee does not indicate before sunset its intention to make provisions for caring for overdue payroll. Workers say they will quit if they don't get pay.

GAS CO. REPLIES TO BEMIS

Gas company has replied to Bemis proposition recommending 55-cent gas. Offers as compromise a rate, which, shorn of profit-sharing plan and sliding scale, would amount to 72½-cent gas, says company.